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1. (Confidential - JMM) In response to his request, met with Representative David N. Henderson (D., N. C.) who said he had a sensitive problem concerning some military officers who apparently had been involved in a classified operation in Vietnam in which the Agency was involved. He said some of these officers, now stationed at Ft. Bragg, had approached him for help in strict confidence explaining that while in Vietnam between July 1969 and May 1970 they had served in the PRU program, for which they volunteered on the basis of promises they would receive both jump pay and demolition duty pay. They were actually paid this additional compensation, but now the Army is trying to recover part of this pay on the basis of regulations forbidding both jump pay and demolition pay simultaneously.

I told Mr. Henderson I guessed this was strictly an Army problem even though the officers in question might have served in a project in which we were involved but I would look into it and let him know.

2. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Representative Henderson the Ervin bill problem. He repeated his strong support for a complete exemption for the Agency, but explained he was under heavy pressure from Senator Ervin to report out the bill and said he would have to do so in a few weeks. He suggests that it would be helpful if Representatives Rivers and Mahon would write separate letters to each Subcommittee member rather than a single letter to the Chairman supporting a complete exemption for the Agency. He believes a majority of his Subcommittee will support an exemption for the Agency, but strongly urges that we get both Rivers and Mahon to try to bring Representative Richard White into line. Henderson said he was mystified why other Government agencies weren't more concerned over the bill, which could create serious administrative and disciplinary problems throughout the Executive Branch.

I offered to give Henderson backup material but he said he preferred we wait until we could give him our formal position with BOB approval.

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